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Dear Colleagues

The KYAE staff and I want to thank you for the enthusiasm and positive comments regarding the [New Framework for Adult Education](#) presented at last month's regional meetings. Although there will be bumps in the road as we move to a more outcome-based focus, it feels really good for all of us to be working together for the success of Kentucky's adult students.

New Framework issues we're continuing to discuss are workforce assessments and Workforce Alliance policy. Concern about these issues was raised at the regional meetings and at the June 1 meeting of the KYAE Advisory Committee. Taking your comments into consideration, KYAE is continuing to work through this policy. We're also talking with the Office of Employment and Training about the role of adult education in the Commonwealth's One-Stop Centers.

I want to share with you two other New Framework-related items. First, I am excited to let you know that Meryl Becker-Prezocki has accepted the offer to join us as the Senior Associate for Curriculum and Instruction. Meryl, who is currently a resource teacher in the Jefferson County Adult Education Program, brings an extensive background in curriculum, instruction and learning disabilities. Under Meryl's leadership, the new Curriculum and Instruction unit will be invaluable as we move forward on the New Framework for Adult Education. Please join me in welcoming Meryl to the KYAE staff.

Second, a recent action by the [Council on Postsecondary Education](#) increases the [minimum ACT scores in math and reading](#) for incoming freshmen to be placed into credit-bearing courses effective fall 2009. This is yet another rationale for intensifying our efforts in quality academic instruction for adults to prepare them for success in postsecondary education and highly skilled employment.

As usual, please do not hesitate to contact us with your questions or comments.

Sincerely,



Data and performance

Your program recently received an e-mail from your regional program support associate about data entry. Looking at statewide performance levels to date, Kentucky is in danger of again not meeting federal performance measures, so it's critical that you appropriately post-test all ready students and enter all student data by July 10. Now is your last opportunity to thoroughly analyze your performance reports and data to make sure everything is accurately reported in AERIN and that all students have been appropriately progress tested.

College grants available for adults – July 1 deadline!

Adult Kentuckians who have never taken college classes may be eligible to take advantage of a new Go Higher Grant administered by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA).

Go Higher Grants are available to adults with financial need who are age 24 or older and enrolled for fewer than six credit hours at a participating Kentucky college or university. The maximum award amount is \$1,000 and covers tuition plus a book allowance of \$50 per credit hour. The grants are only available for the 2007-2008 school year.

These grants are designed to give adults a taste of college and encourage them to continue their education. Any grant funds left over from the fall semester may be used in the spring semester for any number of credit hours up to the \$1,000 maximum award amount.

To qualify, students must complete a Go Higher Grant application and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Grant applications are available on www.kheaa.com. The FAFSA may be submitted online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The priority deadline for application is July 1, 2007; however, students are encouraged to submit the FAFSA as soon as possible.

To learn how to plan and prepare for higher education, visit www.GoHigherKY.org. For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit www.kheaa.com; write KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602-0798; or call (800) 928-8926, extension 7381. For more information about student loans, visit www.studentloanpeople.com; write The Student Loan People, P.O. Box 24328, Louisville, KY 40224-0328; or call (888) 678-4625.

2007-08 performance measures

As discussed in May regional meetings, the 2007-08 performance measures have been posted on the [Policy page](#) of the KYAE Web site.

Grant continuation deadline

Reminder: All finalized grant continuation paperwork is due June 25. For details on required forms and submission requirements, please see the [grant continuation Web page](#).

New Framework resources – managed enrollment

This is the first in a series of resources and information KYAE will provide in support of the [New Framework for Adult Education](#).

Marilyn Lyons, senior associate for research and data analysis, compiled the following Web resources for managed enrollment.

[Miracosta College](#) in California successfully implemented managed enrollment in their ESL adult education program.

[Moving from open enrollment to managed enrollment](#) – article by Kate Hyzer

[Getting the most out of a managed enrollment classroom](#) – article by Kate Hyzer and Heidi Haupt

[More Curriculum Structure – A Response to “Turbulence”](#) – article by John Strucker

Bluegrass Challenge student receives GED Top Score Award

John Moriarity was recognized at the Council on Postsecondary Education’s May meeting as the recipient of Kentucky’s 2006 GED Top Score Award. John scored a total GED score of 3,860 out of 4,000 possible points. He is a Louisville Technical Institute student and plans to major in clinical psychology at Murray State University.

John attended Trinity High School and then Bluegrass Challenge Academy in Fort Knox, where he earned his GED. The Kentucky Bluegrass Challenge program consists of eight core components delivered in a 22-week residential environment and includes a 12-month nonresidential phase providing mentoring and placement support. Attainment of the GED is an important facet of the total program. Bluegrass Challenge receives funding from Kentucky Adult Education as well as the National Guard Bureau, Department of Defense.

Kentucky GED test centers tested more than 12,000 candidates in calendar year 2006, and the state awarded more than 9,000 GED high school equivalency diplomas. Five students had scores higher than 3700.



In Frankfort to attend the May Council meeting were Brigadier General Julius Berthold, executive director, Office of Management and Administration, Military Affairs; Col. John W. Smith, Director, Kentucky Youth Challenge; Troy Hampton, lead instructor, Kentucky Youth Challenge; John Moriarity, Top GED Scorer; and General Donald Storm, Adjutant General of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Congratulations to system-wide award winner

Hopkins and Muhlenberg Counties Program Director Cris Crowley received the 2007 System Award of Excellence for KCTCS staff based on demonstration of leadership, community involvement, student outreach, professional development and support for her college.

“The selection process is never an easy task, and this year was no exception,” said KCTCS President Michael B. McCall. “The President’s Leadership Seminar spent many hours reviewing portfolios that

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were submitted by the college nominees. (Cris was) recognized not only for her contributions to her college but to the entire system.”

Please allow us to introduce...

“Please allow us to introduce...” is a monthly feature spotlighting KYAE staff members to help adult educators become more familiar with KYAE staff.

Sarah Hindman Hawker

As one of five Council on Postsecondary Education Vice Presidents, Sarah is responsible for adult education oversight and policy direction and serves on Council President Tom Layzell’s administrative team. She also serves on national policy issue workgroups coordinated by the U.S. Department of Education.

“I really enjoy working with the knowledgeable and dedicated KYAE staff who play a critical role in moving the system forward,” she said. “The things I like most about this job are being creative and taking action to do the best we can for students.”

Until her move to Kentucky and the KYAE staff one year ago, Sarah’s career had encompassed numerous workforce development and adult education roles in Illinois state government, including occupational research in the health field, labor market research, and Workforce Investment Act and School-to-Work grant implementation. At the Illinois Community College Board, she served as Vice President for Adult Education and Workforce Development. During her tenure, adult education funding increased \$9 million in years of flat budgets for other agencies. She worked closely with the field and school superintendents to reduce tension and mistrust that had built up over several years. Sarah has bachelor’s and master’s degrees in communications from the University of Illinois at Springfield.

“I love working with the field and intend to do so here as much as possible,” she said. “That’s where we get great ideas and where student achievement really happens. During my varied professional experience, I have found no other program that demonstrates the benefits to students that adult education does. It is a program of the heart and that feels right to me.”

Sarah lives in Berea, also the home of her brother and sister-in-law. Her family also consists of a brother in Sacramento, Calif.; a “fabulous” daughter, son-in-law and two-year-old grandson in Columbus, Ohio; and two grey cats, Sadie and Sophie.

A fan of Sherlock Holmes books and movies, Sarah also enjoys Victorian and contemporary writers. She collects antique cups and maps and loves film noir, 1940s and 50s movies and gardening.

Fun fact: Sarah has climbed the highest mountain in the Czech Republic and swam in remote Mexican jungle ponds called ceynotes.

Register now for the 2007 KYAE Regional Conferences!

Online registration for the 2007 Regional Conferences is now available on [KYAE's Web site](#). This Web page also has pre-conference session descriptions and hotel information. You have the option to attend one of four pre-conference sessions. During online registration, please indicate your pre-conference session attendance.

KYAE is planning sessions covering topics to support the [New Framework for Adult Education](#), including managed enrollment, using data for program improvement, learning disabilities, GED testing, family literacy, assessments, learning styles, Workforce Alliance and teaching strategies for reading, writing and math. Concurrent session details will be forwarded to you in the near future.

KYAE-funded staff will only be able to register for the conference scheduled for their region. There will not be a registration fee for KYAE-funded staff to attend the 2007 Regional Conferences.

Registration deadlines:

- Region 3 (Louisville): **August 10, 2007**
- Regions 4, 5 & 6 (Lexington): **August 17, 2007**
- Regions 1 & 2 (Bowling Green): **August 31, 2007**

You won't want to miss this very important professional development and networking opportunity...plus lots of good food and fellowship! If you have questions about online registration, please contact Amanda Walker at Amanda.Walker@ky.gov or (502) 573-5114, ext. 154.

Please note – Regional conferences will not include ESL sessions – see next article on a statewide ESL conference in August.

Attention ESL instructors

KYAE will sponsor the Second Annual ESL Conference on August 6-7 at the Louisville Marriott East. Two nationally known ESL instructors and curricula developers are on the agenda.

Lynn Savage, author of the PBS series *Crossroad Café*, currently shown on KET, will present on teaching methods for multilevel instruction. We will use her *Teacher Training Through DVD* series to see ESL instructors model instruction targeting basic to low-intermediate ESL students. Attendees who are interested in reviewing more of the series can join study circles that will take place from September through January when Lynn will join us for the study circle wrap up.

Also presenting will be Lynda Terrill, author of McGraw-Hill's Community Experiences program, which targets low intermediate to intermediate level ESL. Lynda works for the Center for Applied Linguistics, publishers of the BEST and BEST Plus assessments, and is the mentor of our KYAE ESL professional development team. Lynda will present and model strategies for teaching reading to lower-level ESL students.

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Hotel reservations must be made by July 22 to qualify for the group discount of \$92/night plus tax. Reference the ESL Annual Meeting (Council on Postsecondary Education) when making reservations.

Louisville Marriott East
1903 Embassy Square Boulevard
(502)499-6220

The ESL conference is posted on [PDtrack](#), so you can register there today. Please reserve these dates on your calendar and plan to join us. Because of this ESL conference, KYAE will not offer ESL sessions at the Regional Conferences.

Year-end completions in KYVAE

Since KYVAE was linked to AERIN, online courses run on the same fiscal year. All active PLATO and WIN students will be completed and unenrolled at year end. LiteracyLink students will be manually completed. Adult educators may enroll active students again after the next year begins.

Please keep June 30 in mind as you enroll new students or make new assignments for current students. If you have questions, please contact Erika Larson at (502) 573-5114, ext. 104, or Erika.Larson@ky.gov.

Assessment workshops scheduled

KYAE has scheduled the 2007-08 series of assessment workshops. You may register through [PDtrack](#).

Introduction to TABE

Trainers: Stephanie Anderson, Joyce Bullock and Belinda Carter

July 27, 2007 – Hopkinsville

September 24, 2007– Bowling Green Technical College

October 26, 2007 – KCTCS Headquarters, Versailles

January 28, 2008 – Clay Community Center, Mt. Sterling

CASAS Implementation Trainings

Trainers: Joyce Bullock, Art Dietz, Celeste Goodwin and Jon Reynolds

September 14, 2007– KCTCS Headquarters, Versailles

January 25, 2008 – Bowling Green Technical College

CASAS Follow-up Trainings

Trainer: Celeste Goodwin

October 19, 2007 – KCTCS Headquarters, Versailles

March 28, 2008 (April 25, 2008, snow day) – Bowling Green Technical College

Official Practice Test and OPT PC Implementation Training

Trainer: Joey Quinton and Joyce Bullock

September 21, 2007 – Elizabethtown Community Technical College

October 8, 2007 – Bowling Green Technical College

January 14, 2008 – KCTCS Headquarters, Versailles

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BEST Plus Implementation Training

Trainers: Kathleen Olson (Center for Applied Linguistics) and Kay Peralta

October 5, 2007 – KYAE/CPE, Conference Room A, Frankfort

February 22, 2008 – CPE Conference Room A, Frankfort

BEST Refresher Training

Trainer: Kay Peralta

November 2, 2007 – KYAE/CPE, Frankfort

May 2, 2008 – Scott County Schools Community Education Center